(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The depth of tower depends upon soil conditions, height of tower and type of tower. The depth of tower has no correlation to the reception of the network or signal disturbances.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Printing of telephone directory

2457. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 160 given in Rajya Sabha on 24th November, 2005 and state:

(a) whether TRAI has given its recommendation on printing of telephone directory and directory enquiry services for basic and mobile telephone services;

(b) since how long this recommendation of TRAI is pending; and

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed within which a decision could be taken looking at the security threat in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has given its recommendations on "Printing of Telephone Directory and Directory Enquiry Services" for basic and mobile telephone service on 5th May, 2005.

(c) As these are policy issues which require detailed examination, no specific time-frame can be fixed.

Artificial barriers for 'One India' tariff plan

2458. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the artificial barriers found in the way so as to pave the way for introduction on "One India' tarriff plan;

(b) whether any consultations have been held in this regard with the telecom operators;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Government is working on giving 10 digit telephone number for landlines; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) There are no artificial barriers.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The proposal involves a 10 digit common numbering scheme for wireline and wireless.

Cyber-cafe in the villages

†2459. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to set up cyber cafe in the villages;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the main purpose of Government to set up cyber cafes in the villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) Department of Information Technology (DIT) is working on a plan to establish Information and Communication Technology (ICT) enabled Common Services Centres (CSCs) predominantly in the rural areas across the country. These CSCs would be promoted on a sustainable entrepreneur-based model supported by the Central and State Governments.

The draft framework prepared for the CSCs envisages that these centres would be offering a mix of services (both Government and non-Government including localised services) that may be needed by the local community.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.